



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-122-857]

#### **Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada: Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review**

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating a changed circumstances review (CCR) to determine whether Chaleur Forest Products LP (CFP LP) and Chaleur Forest Products Inc. (CFP Inc.) are the successors-in-interest (SIIs) to Chaleur Sawmills LP (Chaleur LP) and Fornebu Lumber Co. Inc. (Fornebu Inc.), respectively, in the context of the antidumping duty (AD) order on certain softwood lumber products from Canada. We preliminarily determine that CFP LP and CFP Inc. are the SIIs to Chaleur LP and Fornebu Inc., respectively.

**DATES:** Applicable [Insert date of publication in the *Federal Register*].

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric B. Greynolds, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 481-6071.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### Background

On January 3, 2018, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* an AD order on certain softwood lumber products from Canada.<sup>1</sup> On March 11, 2021, CFP LP and CFP Inc. (collectively the Chaleur Companies) requested that, pursuant to section 751(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), 19 CFR 351.216, and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3), Commerce conduct a CCR of the *Order* to confirm that CFP LP and CFP Inc. are the SIIs to Chaleur LP and

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<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada: Antidumping Duty Order and Partial Amended Final Determination*, 83 FR 350 (January 3, 2018) (*Order*).

Fornebu Inc., respectively, and accordingly, to assign them the cash deposit rates of Chaleur LP and Fornebu Inc.<sup>2</sup> In its submission, the Chaleur Companies state that Chaleur LP and Fornebu Inc. undertook name changes to CFP LP and CFP Inc., respectively, but are otherwise unchanged.<sup>3</sup> In a March 19, 2021, filing, the Committee Overseeing Action for Lumber International Trade Investigations or Negotiations (hereinafter referred to as the petitioner) argued that Fornebu Inc. was not eligible to receive a cash deposit rate the differs from the all-others rate that is listed in the *Order* and, thus, argued that Commerce should refrain from initiating the CCR.<sup>4</sup> In a March 29, 2021, filing, the Chaleur Companies argue that Fornebu Inc. is eligible for a CCR and that Commerce should therefore initiate and preliminarily determine that CFP LP and CFP Inc. are the SIIs to Chaleur LP and Fornebu Inc, respectively.<sup>5</sup>

#### Scope of the *Order*

The merchandise subject to the *Order* is certain softwood lumber products.<sup>6</sup> The products are currently classified under the following Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) item numbers: 4406.11.0000; 4406.91.0000; 4407.10.01.01; 4407.10.01.02; 4407.10.01.15; 4407.10.01.16; 4407.10.01.17; 4407.10.01.18; 4407.10.01.19; 4407.10.01.20; 4407.10.01.42; 4407.10.01.43; 4407.10.01.44; 4407.10.01.45; 4407.10.01.46; 4407.10.01.47; 4407.10.01.48; 4407.10.01.49; 4407.10.01.52; 4407.10.01.53; 4407.10.01.54; 4407.10.01.55; 4407.10.01.56; 4407.10.01.57; 4407.10.01.58; 4407.10.01.59; 4407.10.01.64; 4407.10.01.65; 4407.10.01.66; 4407.10.01.67; 4407.10.01.68; 4407.10.01.69; 4407.10.01.74; 4407.10.01.75; 4407.10.01.76; 4407.10.01.77; 4407.10.01.82; 4407.10.01.83; 4407.10.01.92; 4407.10.01.93; 4407.11.00.01; 4407.11.00.02; 4407.11.00.42; 4407.11.00.43; 4407.11.00.44; 4407.11.00.45;

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<sup>2</sup> See Chaleur Companies' Letter, "Chaleur's Request for Changed Circumstances Reviews," dated March 11, 2021 (CCR Request).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 2-3.

<sup>4</sup> See Petitioner's Letter, "Response to Chaleur's Request for Changed Circumstances Reviews," dated March 19, 2021 at 2.

<sup>5</sup> See Chaleur Companies' Letter, "Rebuttal to Petitioner's Response to Chaleur's Request for Changed Circumstances Reviews," dated March 29, 2021 at 2.

<sup>6</sup> For a complete description of the *Order*, see Memorandum, "Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review: Preliminary Decision Memorandum," dated concurrently with this notice (Initiation and Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

4407.11.00.46; 4407.11.00.47; 4407.11.00.48; 4407.11.00.49; 4407.11.00.52; 4407.11.00.53; 4407.12.00.01; 4407.12.00.02; 4407.12.00.17; 4407.12.00.18; 4407.12.00.19; 4407.12.00.20; 4407.12.00.58; 4407.12.00.59; 4407.19.05.00; 4407.19.06.00; 4407.19.10.01; 4407.19.10.02; 4407.19.10.54; 4407.19.10.55; 4407.19.10.56; 4407.19.10.57; 4407.19.10.64; 4407.19.10.65; 4407.19.10.66; 4407.19.10.67; 4407.19.10.68; 4407.19.10.69; 4407.19.10.74; 4407.19.10.75; 4407.19.10.76; 4407.19.10.77; 4407.19.10.82; 4407.19.10.83; 4407.19.10.92; 4407.19.10.93; 4409.10.05.00; 4409.10.10.20; 4409.10.10.40; 4409.10.10.60; 4409.10.10.80; 4409.10.20.00; 4409.10.90.20; 4409.10.90.40; 4418.50.0010; 4418.50.0030; 4418.50.0050 and 4418.99.10.00.

Although the HTSUS numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written product description remains dispositive.

#### Initiation and Preliminary Results of CCR

Pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of the Act, Commerce will conduct a CCR upon receipt of information concerning, or a request from, an interested party for a review of an AD order which shows changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review of the order. The information submitted by the Chaleur Companies supporting their claim that CFP LP and CFP Inc. are the SIIs to Chaleur LP and Fornebu Inc., respectively, demonstrates changed circumstances sufficient to warrant such a review.<sup>7</sup> Therefore, in accordance with section 751(b)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216(d) and (e), we are initiating a CCR based upon the information contained in Chaleur Companies' filings.

Section 351.221(c)(3)(ii) of Commerce's regulations permits Commerce to combine the notice of initiation of a CCR and the notice of preliminary results if Commerce concludes that expedited action is warranted.<sup>8</sup> In this instance, because the record contains information necessary to make a preliminary finding, we find that expedited action is warranted and have

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<sup>7</sup> See 19 CFR 351.216(d).

<sup>8</sup> See 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii); see also *Certain Pasta from Italy: Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 80 FR 33480, 33480-41 (June 12, 2015) (*Pasta from Italy Preliminary Results*), unchanged in *Certain Pasta from Italy: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review*, 80 FR 48807 (August 14, 2015) (*Pasta from Italy Final Results*).

combined the notice of initiation and the notice of preliminary results.<sup>9</sup> In this CCR, pursuant to section 751(b) of the Act, Commerce conducted an SII analysis. In making a successor-in-interest determination, Commerce examines several factors, including, but not limited to, changes in the following: (1) management; (2) production facilities; (3) supplier relationships; and (4) customer base.<sup>10</sup> While no single factor or combination of factors will necessarily provide a dispositive indication of a successor-in-interest relationship, generally, Commerce will consider the new company to be the successor to the previous company if the new company's resulting operation is not materially dissimilar to that of its predecessor.<sup>11</sup> Thus, if the record evidence demonstrates that, with respect to the production and sale of the subject merchandise, the new company operates as the same business entity as the predecessor company, Commerce may assign the new company the cash deposit rate of its predecessor.<sup>12</sup>

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.216, we preliminarily determine that CFP LP and CFP Inc. are the SIIs to Chaleur LP and Fornebu Inc., respectively. Record evidence, as submitted by the Chaleur Companies, indicates that CFP LP and CFP Inc. operate as essentially the same business entities as Chaleur LP and Fornebu Inc., respectively, with respect to the subject merchandise.<sup>13</sup> For the complete successor-in-interest analysis, including discussion of business proprietary information, refer to the accompanying Initiation and Preliminary Decision Memorandum. Commerce will issue its final results of the review in accordance with the time

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<sup>9</sup> See, e.g., *Pasta from Italy Preliminary Results*, 80 FR at 33480-41, unchanged in *Pasta from Italy Final Results*, 80 FR at 48807.

<sup>10</sup> See, e.g., *Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from India: Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 81 FR 75376 (October 31, 2016) (*Shrimp from India Preliminary Results*), unchanged in *Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from India: Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 81 FR 90774 (December 15, 2016) (*Shrimp from India Final Results*).

<sup>11</sup> See, e.g., *Shrimp from India Preliminary Results*, 81 FR at 75377, unchanged in *Shrimp from India Final Results*, 81 FR at 90774.

<sup>12</sup> *Id.*; see also *Notice of Final Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Polychloroprene Rubber from Japan*, 67 FR 58, 59 (January 2, 2002); *Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof from France: Final Results of Changed-Circumstances Review*, 75 FR 34688, 34689 (June 18, 2010); and *Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 63 FR 14679 (March 26, 1998), unchanged in *Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Korea: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 63 FR 20572 (April 27, 1998), in which Commerce found that a company which only changed its name and did not change its operations is a SII to the company before it changed its name.

<sup>13</sup> See CCR Request.

limits set forth in 19 CFR 351.216(e).

### Public Comment

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), any interested party may request a hearing within 30 days of publication of this notice. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii), interested parties may submit case briefs not later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed no later than seven days after the case briefs, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(d). Parties who submit case or rebuttal briefs are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.<sup>14</sup> All comments are to be filed electronically using Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS) available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>, and must also be served on interested parties. An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the day it is due.<sup>15</sup> Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice.<sup>16</sup>

Consistent with 19 CFR 351.216(e), we will issue the final results of this CCR no later than 270 days after the date on which this review was initiated, or within 45 days if all parties agree to our preliminary finding. This notice is published in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216(b), 351.221(b) and 351.221(c)(3).

Dated: April 23, 2021.

Ryan Majerus,  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations.  
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<sup>14</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2).

<sup>15</sup> See 19 CFR 351.303(b).

<sup>16</sup> See *Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID-19; Extension of Effective Period*, 85 FR 41363 (July 10, 2020).